number of passengers carried has been 46.21 lakhs. Data regarding the passengers carried by private buses is not available.

(c) Yes, Sir. DTC has been projecting every year its requirements as per annual plan provisions for acquisition of buses. These were for 201, 643, 661, 614 and 506 buses during 1985-86, 1986.87, 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 respectively.

(d) Assessment of operational conditions of buses of the current fleet of 4406 buses shows that 1011 buses, constituting 22.95 per cent of DTC fleet, are over-aged, as per the prescribed norms.

(e) Yes, Sir. During the current year there is a provision of Rs. 33.25 crores for acquisition of 700 buses for DTC. In addition a proposal to acquire more buses as a spill-over of last years projection of 506 buses is being pursued.

The allocation for the Eighth Five Year Plan have as yet not been finalised by the Planning Commission.

Bridge on River Parvati in Rajasthan

2514. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have cleared the Rajasthan Government's proposal for construction of a bridge on River Parvati on Chhabra Dharuanada Road linking Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, tht amount sought by the State and what is the present stage of progress in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) During the 7th Five Year Plan, the Government of Rajasthan forward certain proposals for being financed under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Inter-State or Economic Importance which included *inter-alia* the bridge project in question costing Rs. 3.50 crores. However, on account of financial this stringency and other priority considerations, this project could not be accommodated in the afore-said programme.

Crimes against SCs, STs and Women

2515. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the State-wise details of the number of crimes against Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes including the nature of crimes from January, 1990 to July, 1990; and what steps have been taken by Government to curb the atrocities against them; and

(b) what is the State-wise position in regard to the crimes against women for the period from January, 1990 to July, 1990 and what steps have been taken by Government so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Two Statements indicating the available Statewise/Union Territorywise the number of cases registered as crime against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the Year 1990 are enclosed (Statements I & II). [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure in 90]

A Statement showing Statewise/Union Territorywise the number of cases registered as crime against Women during the Year 1990 is enclosed (Statement-III). [*Vide* unstarred question 2499 (a) and (b) super]

The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Centre assists the State Governments as and when necessary.